

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2006

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Cullum presided; Mr. Owens gave the invocation; Ms. Summers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	M. Todd Cullum	James E. Kinard, Jr.
	William C. Billy Derrick	George H. Smokey Davis
	Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
	Johnny W. Jeffcoat	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
	Joseph W. Owens	

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth; Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Deputy County Administrator; John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/Deputy County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Attendance - Calendar Year 2005 - Mr. Davis stated for the past several years he has taken it upon himself to acknowledge those Council members who had perfect attendance for the past year. He said for calendar year 2005 there were four Councilmen who had perfect attendance. Mr. Davis congratulated and presented an engraved wooden desk clock to Mr. Kinard, Mr. Derrick, Mr. Keisler, and Mr. Cullum for having perfect attendance.

In addition, Mr. Davis acknowledged that Mr. Jeffcoat, Mr. Owens and himself had missed only one meeting and those were special called meetings.

Presentation of Plaques - Mr. Cullum presented Mr. Owens a plaque for his service as Vice Chairman from June 14 through December 31, 2005. Mr. Cullum and Mr. Owens presented Mr. Rucker, former Council member and past Chairman, a plaque for his service as Chairman from January 11 through June 3, 2005. Mr. Owens presented Mr. Cullum a plaque for his service as Vice Chairman from January 11 through June 13, 2005 and as Chairman from June 14 through December 31, 2005.

Election of Officers - Chairman - Mr. Cullum opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Owens nominated Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler.

Mr. Cullum called for further nominations; no further nominations were made. Mr. Owens called

for the vote.

In Favor:	Mr. Owens	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Abstaining: Mr. Cullum

Mr. Cullum thanked Council for their support and for allowing him to continue to serve as Chairman.

Vice Chairman - Mr. Cullum opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Kinard nominated Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Keisler.

Mr. Cullum called for further nominations; no further nominations were made. Mr. Cullum called for the vote.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Abstaining: Mr. Owens

Mr. Owens thanked Council for allowing him to continue to serve as Vice Chairman.

Appointment of Parliamentarian - Mr. Cullum appointed Mr. Carrigg to serve as Council's Parliamentarian.

Presentation of the South Carolina Recreation Parks Association Outstanding Local Government Official of the Year Award to Councilman Johnny Jeffcoat - Mr. Dan Wells, Executive Director of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission presented Councilman Jeffcoat with a plaque recognizing him as the Outstanding Local Government Official of the Year by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association.

Mr. Wells said for the past nine years Councilman Jeffcoat has been a driving force in the success of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission. During his tenure, the Commission has made significant improvements to Seven Oaks Park, preserved property on the Saluda River that was an abandoned manufacturing site for generations to come, and was able to construct a highly successful Saluda Shoals Park.

Mr. Jeffcoat thanked Mr. Wells for the award but said if it were not for Council's support for both recreation commissions, his efforts would not have been made possible.

Lexington High School - Mr. Cullum welcomed students from Lexington High School studying US Government.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Mr. Brooks recognized Capt. Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator; Mike Gillis, Assistant Coordinator; and Patty Labbe, Training Officer with Public Safety/EMS who were commended by Mr. Jerry Wise, President of Medical Dynamics of South Carolina, Inc. for the outstanding job EMS did in providing CPR training to the community.

Ms. Martha Hill, Delinquent Tax Clerk in the Treasurer's Office and Ms. Derrial Gardner, PBX Operator, Human Resources Department were recognized for their assistance to a citizen who was paying taxes on her mother's estate.

Ms. Rosie Cole, Tax Clerk in the Auditor's Office was recognized for providing prompt and courteous service in resolving a problem for a citizen.

Mr. Larry Oates, PC/LAN Specialist I, Information Services was recognized for successfully passing the requirements to receive the designation as a Security+ Certified Professional and a Network+ Certified Professional by the Computing Technology Industry Association (ComTIA). Prior to receiving these two designations, Mr. Oates received the CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) from Cisco, a major manufacturer of network communication and security devices.

Presentation of Resolutions - Batesburg-Leesville High School Football Team - Presented by Councilman Billy Derrick - Councilman Derrick presented a framed resolution to Coach McInnis, Batesburg-Leesville High School for capturing the Class 2A State Championship on December 3, 2005.

Carole L. Myers - Presented by Councilman Johnny Jeffcoat - Councilman Jeffcoat and Councilwoman Summers presented a framed resolution to Ms. Myers in appreciation of her service on the Library Board.

Resolution - Lake Murray Baptist Church - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Appointments - There were no appointments.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that the following bids/purchases/RFPs (I, J, K, L, M, and N) be approved.

Laptops, Computer and Monitor Purchase - Clerk of Court - Staff recommended the purchase of five (5) Hewlett Packard laptops, one (1) Dell computer and one (1) monitor for the Clerk of Court's office. The Hewlett Packard laptops will be purchased directly from the manufacturer, Hewlett Packard, through State Contract Number 05-S6656-A11230. The Dell computer will be purchased directly from the manufacturer, Dell Computer, through State Contract Number 05-S6656-A11104.

Quotations were solicited from qualified vendors for the purchase of one (1) monitor. Four (4) quotes were received. Staff recommended awarding the bid of \$198.75 to Florida Micro as being the lowest responsible bidder.

Total cost of the laptops, computer and monitor including sales tax is \$10,117.75.

Seven (7) Portable Generators - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Quotations were obtained for seven (7) portable generators for Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness. The generators will be issued to the Pelion, South Congaree, Irmo, Chapin, Springdale, Swansea, and Pine Ridge police departments for use during power outages.

Three (3) quotes were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to MaxTool as the low bidder meeting specifications. Total cost of the generators including tax is \$5,511.93. This is a grant that will involve no cost by the County.

One (1) 1500 GPM Pumper - Public Safety/Fire Service - Bids were solicited and advertised for one (1) 1500 GPM pumper for Public Safety/Fire Service. The bid document was set up to provide pricing for pumper equipment as an option. A replacement schedule has been established to replace aging tankers as well as increase their water carrying capacity. The new tanker will carry 1500 gallons of water instead of 1000 gallons, which in some cases reduces the number of tankers that are needed to obtain necessary water supply. One (1) bid and two (2) no bids were received. Staff recommended awarding the bid to Slagle's Fire Equipment dba KME Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$295,946.94 including tax and optional equipment.

Roadway Improvements for Buck Corley Road - "C" Funds - Public Works - Bids were advertised and solicited from qualified contractors for roadway improvements for Buck Corley Road. The project includes the construction of approximately 3,296 L.F. of roadway and other appurtenances for Buck Corley Road. There is an estimated 1,404 L.F. of 18", 996 L.F. of 24", 564 L.F. of 30" and 932 L.F. of 36" R.C. pipe, 5,463 C.Y. of excavation, 100 C.Y. of rock excavation, 60 tons rip rap, 965 tons of asphalt surface course and 12,110 S.Y. of base course (stabilized aggregate 6"). Seven (7) bids and two (2) no bids were received. Staff recommended awarding the contract to Hunter Construction as being the lowest responsive bidder. Total bid for the project, based on estimate quantities is \$513,782.50.

Pen-Link and i2 Software - Sheriff's Department - Bids were advertised and solicited from qualified bidders for Pen-Link and i2 software for the Sheriff's Department. The Pen-Link software will allow the Sheriff's Department to store phone record information, as well as, associated case information such as subscribers, events, etc. It will also incorporate cell tower databases to allow GIS mapping of the location of target phone calls. The i2 software is a database/data mining application specifically designed to integrate with other applications in the i2 product line. Two (2) bids were received. Staff recommended awarding the bid of the Pen-Link software to Pen-Link, Ltd. and the i2 software to i2, Incorporated. The cost of the Pen-Link software including tax is \$6,890 and the cost of the i2 software is \$5,512 including tax. Total cost of the software is \$12,402.

Tactical Vests - Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase of eight (8) tactical vests for the Sheriff's Department. The requested level IV tactical vests are required for the narcotic investigators to be protected from high velocity rifle assaults, which are a safety issue in that the "NET" team regularly serves search warrants on meth labs and other drug locations where high velocity rifles are found on the subjects. The vests will be purchased from Designlab Incorporated through State Contract Number 03-S5770-A9438. Cost of the vests including tax is \$12,094.35.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Davis asked why only one company submitted a bid for the pumper.

Ms. Janice Bell, Procurement Officer, stated the bid was solicited to several vendors. Three vendors attended the pre-bid but we received only one bid.

Mr. Davis asked, when we receive only one bid, is there a way to compare if the price is competitive?

Mr. Cullum asked if the criteria is such that only one supplier can provide.

Chief Russell Rawl, Fire Service Coordinator, stated a comprehensive set of specifications is developed based on equipment that is compatible with our existing equipment that we put out with bids. We had three vendors who attended the pre-bid, but we received only one bid. He said comparing it with bids of previous years, it seems that this particular bid was eight to ten percent over the pumpers purchased last year. So it appears that the prices are in line with what we would expect on an annual increase for pumpers.

Mr. Owens asked if the County received more than two bids last year? One last year?

Chief Rawl replied, we only had one bid last year. He said his department and Procurement have a pre-bid prior to the bid of trucks to discuss with vendors to see if there is anything that causes them concern as far as specifications. However, for some reason, that he cannot answer, we have not received any additional bids.

Mr. Cullum replied, but you have multiple vendors attend your pre-bid; is that correct?

Chief Rawl replied, yes sir.

Mr. Carrigg asked whether the specifications are narrowing it down to a single manufacturer.

Chief Rawl replied, no sir. We have a body specification as far as the layout of the equipment. It is a commercial chassis that is made by Freightliner, which all the manufacturers can have; the engine and drive train is standard equipment. That is one reason why we have the pre-bid to ensure that any vendor who bid that it is not something in there that prohibits them from bidding.

Mr. Carrigg replied, ok.

Mr. Cullum called for further discussion on the motion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Chairman's Report - No report.

Administrator's Report - Assistance to Greenville County - Mr. John Fechtel, Director of Public Works said he received a call from Greenville County Public Works seeking assistance with clean up of debris as a result of a recent ice storm. Mr. Fechtel stated that his department would be providing eight employees, dump trucks, a front-end loader and a backhoe to Greenville for up to three weeks, if they (Greenville County) get a Presidential Declaration. The Presidential Declaration would qualify them to receive FEMA reimbursement.

Mr. Fechtel said the County is part of a mutual aid agreement that was coordinated through the State several years ago with all the different counties, municipalities, and special purpose districts. He said we are the closest "neighbor" they have that is not tied up with their own clean up, and one day we might need their assistance. He said if during that time Lexington County has a weather problem, the personnel and equipment will return to the County.

Audit Report and Findings and Presentation of CAFR - Mr. Ken Prince - Brittingham, Brown, Prince & Hancock, CPA, LLC - Mr. Prince thanked Council for allowing his firm to serve again as the independent auditor for the County and thanked staff in assisting his firm during the audit process. He said he found everyone to be very knowledgeable, extremely helpful, and cooperative.

Mr. Prince said the Finance Department has presented a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) that presents the County's financial statements and a lot of additional information in very great detail and to gain a very good understanding of this information, recommended reading the Transmittal Letter, Management Discussion and Analysis, and the Notes to Financial Statements

where it will give you a lot of additional information.

Mr. Prince stated the financial statements were prepared by the County's Finance staff and that Brittingham, Brown, Prince & Hancock, CPA, LLC audited and expressed an opinion on the fairness of their presentation.

Mr. Prince stated that Brittingham, Brown, Prince & Hancock, CPA, LLC issued the audit report with no qualifications. We had the report on internal controls and compliance that disclosed no material weaknesses or reportable conditions. The prior year findings have shown a significant improvement and no longer meet the criteria for reportable conditions.

He said during the year, the County's assets exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2005 by about \$160,000,000 and about \$58,000,000 of that, the unrestricted portion, is available to meet the County's ongoing obligations.

The County's total net assets increased almost \$10,000,000 with the bulk of that coming from governmental activities. At June 30, 2005, the County's governmental funds, fund balance sheet, reported a combined fund balance of almost \$62,000,000, an increase of about \$3,578,000 over the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, \$58,000,000 remains in various funds of the County as unreserved fund balance.

The General Fund reported a fund balance of \$35,000,000, a decrease from last fiscal year of about \$3,000,000. This ending fund balance equates to approximately 48 percent of General Fund expenditures and transfers out for the year.

The General Fund reported excess revenue of \$2,581,000 over the budget and expenditures that were \$6,901,000 under the appropriations.

Mr. Prince said the firm found that the County was fiscally responsible and budgetarily conscious. He said he would certainly be glad to return at a later time should Council desire additional information.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked for the general feeling of the audit of the Clerk of Court's office this year.

Mr. Prince replied, they (Clerk of Court) made great strides in that area to address the problem of the bank reconciliation and developing internal controls that would improve the financial reporting in that office. We still have a carryover of funds that are in a bank account that are outstanding checks listed that they still need to go ahead and do some research to get a final determination of whose monies those are or look into escheating to the State, but that is going to be a long tedious process.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked for the general feeling of the audit (as much as he could audit) of the Solicitor's Office this year.

Mr. Prince replied, he was able to get some cooperation from that department and worked primarily with the Worthless Check Unit. That is the only area that they felt that he should delve into. They were very cooperative and showed him everything they had. He said he did some test work in that area, analytical procedures, and felt that the funds that were turned over to the County were reflective of what they collected and that the County had gotten the share of funds that they were supposed to get based on the agreement we had at that time. He said he felt that the way in which they were turning those funds over could be expedited. At the time they were doing it, they were not giving us a report that tied back to the funds that we were getting, and I think that was just an oversight on their part. They did not realize why they haven't been sending it, but I think now they are. I talked to the Treasurer's Office earlier today, and they received this month, the first monthly report with the check on a monthly basis. So hopefully that is in place now and that will work. They did go in and develop in-house, a software system that would capture the information necessary to give the County what they need to verify the correctness of the information. I thought there was a lot of cooperation there and it went very well.

Mr. Cullum stated the County is presently trying to conclude the Worthless Check Unit agreement with the Solicitor and will meet with him after he is back from a three-day trial. He said the statute calls that an agreement be renewed yearly and the agreement may address some of the issues in the audit.

Mr. Prince said also that the bank account that the Solicitor is using is not part of the overall banking agreement we have, and that is an issue that probably needs to be resolved as well.

Mr. Cullum replied, it (agreement) is not; I concur.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Prince should Council have questions as they review the CAFR can Council call him direct?

Mr. Prince replied, yes sir, absolutely. He said he would be glad to respond to Council individually or as a body.

Mr. Prince said the County received, again, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This has been an ongoing achievement that the Finance Department has received for a number of years (1988-2004, 17 years) and that is another key indicator of the expertise that the Finance Department has in doing this. There is a relatively small number, less than 10 percent of the municipalities for the country that receives this certificate. That is a very good achievement, especially considering that this was done by them (Finance Department). They did the bulk of that work. When you come in and do an audit and you are working with people that understand internal controls, they understand how the financial statements go together and how to get the information to you that you need, it is very refreshing and it is also a very good indicator of how hard you have to work on that audit to get the information you need.

Mr. Cullum thanked Mr. Prince for his service and commended Mr. Brooks, Mr. Porth and his staff for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of December 13 and December 22, 2005 - A motion was made by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the minutes of December 13 and December 22, 2005 as submitted.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, J. Owens, Chairman - Zoning Map Amendment M05-10 - 2121 Lake Murray Blvd., Coldstream Golf Course Property - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that Zoning Map Amendment M05-10 be given third and final reading.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	

Mr. Jeffcoat thanked fellow Council members for their support with the rezoning of the Coldstream golf course property as it was a very important issue for a lot of people in a large neighborhood. Mr. Jeffcoat thanked the homeowners present for their hard work and asked that he or Council be contacted should a need arise.

Mr. Davis stated he has received several inquiries from constituents in his district concerning housing around a golf course and asked the Chairman to direct staff to come up with some text amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance concerning what individuals should expect once they buy on a golf course. In addition, would like to protect the property owner that might develop a golf course just for the golf course and then may want to redevelop it 20 or 30 years later into housing and not be restricted and controlled by that.

Mr. Cullum asked Mr. Brooks, County Administrator to have staff begin work on amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Brooks replied, the County has already begun work on that issue.

Mr. Cullum said he was reminded this past weekend that a number of golf courses are being

redeveloped in the Horry County area for housing because of the saturation of the number of courses that are there and they don't have housing around it; some do and some don't. He said it is a real issue for individuals who purchase property, much like individuals who purchase property whether it be on a pond, a stream, or the lake. It's an amenity and it has a certain value to it.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked Mr. Davis to clarify what he is asking staff to do.

Mr. Davis said there is a golf course in the Town of Lexington and the neighbors are concerned that it continues to be a golf course. Also, there is a developer in his neighborhood that wants to put in a 9-hole golf course on some land he owns, but he does not want to make a life long decision that it has to be a golf course forever. He is not putting houses around it, but after 20 or 30 years may want to build houses.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated he agrees with Chairman Cullum that if individuals buy a house on a golf course, a lake, a river, or whatever that certainly increases the marketability of that property when the developer sells it, and he shouldn't be able to come back and say "okay I've sold all the houses now, it is no longer going to be a golf course, it's now going to be an apartment or houses, etc." People should have some protection.

Mr. Cullum said he was certain staff understands what Council is requesting and will have something soon for Council to consider.

City of West Columbia - Mr. Owens reported his committee met to discuss a request from the City of West Columbia to join Lexington County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County program. By allowing the City of West Columbia to join the County's program, the County would receive additional CDBG funds to assist citizens of Lexington County that would otherwise be awarded elsewhere and the City would have access to a smaller amount of funds but could participate in a less competitive and more flexible program (the State CDBG program is more restrictive on what activities are funded).

Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that the City of West Columbia be allowed to join Lexington County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County program.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

Justice, S. Davis, Chairman - Ordinance 05-15 - An Ordinance to Regulate False Burglar Alarms and False Fire Alarms - 2nd Reading - Mr. Davis reported his committee met during the afternoon to review Ordinance 05-15 - An Ordinance to Regulate False Burglar Alarms and False

Fire Alarms. The committee voted to recommend that in Section 5: Fees Charged; Alarm Malfunctions and False Alarms (a) **False Alarm Fee** be changed to reflect that fees begin on the third false alarm rather than the fourth and (b) **Alarm Malfunction Administrative Fee** be changed to reflect that fees begin on the third false alarm malfunction rather than the fourth.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick that Council approve the amendments to Ordinance 05-15 as recommended by the Committee and proceed with second reading.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Opposed: Mr. Jeffcoat

Mr. Davis reported his committee met during the afternoon to discuss and consider the following two grants:

Continuation of Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotic Task Force Grant - Final Year - The Continuation of the Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotic Task Force Grant includes funding requests for personnel, travel and training, equipment, operating supply costs, and service fees for the Sheriff's Department and Solicitor's Office. This is the final year of a five-year grant. The funding cycle is for July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

The request for the Sheriff's Department is \$173,786 with a 25 percent match of \$43,447. The match will be funded through the Sheriff's Department fiscal year budget 2006/2007. The request for the Solicitor's office is \$82,498 with a 25 percent match of \$20,625. The match will be funded through the Solicitor's fiscal year budget 2006/2007.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that staff be allowed to move forward with the grant application.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Crime Scene Investigative Unit - First Year - The Crime Scene Investigative Unit grant includes funding requests for two (2) new personnel for salary, travel and training, equipment, operating and

supply costs and service fees. This is a three year grant that must be applied for each fiscal year.

The grant is in the amount of \$387,008 with a 25 percent match of \$96,752. The match will be funded through the Sheriff's Department fiscal year budget 2006/2007.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that staff be allowed to move forward with the grant application.

Mr. Cullum interjected that Chief Kirchner stated that the Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force and the Crime Scene Investigate Unit grants do not have a sunset clause.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Health & Human Services, J. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman - Approval of Contract for Property Purchase - Mr. Carrigg reported his committee met during the afternoon to discuss a contract to purchase approximately 1.93 acres located on S.C. Highway 6 near Fish Hatchery Road for a proposed fire station.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend that the contract be authorized and delivered to the sellers for the purchase of approximately 1.93 acres for the proposed fire station at Highway 6 and Fish Hatchery Road.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Owens	

Airport, T. Cullum, Chairman - FY 2007 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Lexington County Airport at Pelion - Mr. Cullum reported the Airport Committee convened on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 to discuss the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2007-2011 prepared by Wilbur Smith Associates for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion.

Ms. Katherine Doucett, Human Resources Director and Assistant County Administrator, said in order for the County to be eligible for any federal funding from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion the County must submit annually a five-

year capital improvement plan. The application deadline to the FAA is February 15, 2006.

Mr. Chris Eversmann, Sr. Project Manager/Office Manager for Wilbur Smith Associates, stated the five-year plan for FY 2007-2011 is based on the Master Plan; staff visits to the airport making inspections to the conditions of the air-site infrastructures i.e. taxiways, aprons, and runways; and the FAA priorities. He stated FAA grants are 95 percent federally funded with the remaining 5 percent split equally between the County (2.5 percent) and SC Division of Aeronautics (2.5 percent). However, Mr. Eversmann stated in FY 2010 the corporate hangar and ramp construction for an estimated cost of \$255,000 are not eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Eversmann stated the five-year plan will include apron and taxiway reconstruction; runway improvements; electrical upgrades, additional T-hangars; a corporate hangar and apron expansion; and land acquisition. The estimated total cost of the five-year plan is \$2,418,000. The County's estimate cost is \$315,450.

The committee voted to recommend to Council that the FY 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan be amended to add the T-hangars (\$444,000) from FY 2009 to FY 2007 and move the runway improvements from FY 2008 to FY 2009 (\$814,000).

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the amended FY 2007 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Lexington County Airport at Pelion.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated it appears in FY 2009 the County will be spending "some money" on the local level.

Mr. Davis stated he understood that the major expenditure for FY 2009 is a facility that will generate income.

Mr. Cullum replied, meaning corporate hangars and apron extensions. That's exactly right. He said in FY 2007 there are also T-hangars that will produce income as well.

Mr. Owens stated this Capital Improvement Plan is not "etched in stone" because Council will be guided each year of what revenue it will or will not produce, therefore, by FY 2009 Council will have a better picture on whether we should spend the additional \$300,000.

Mr. Cullum replied, you are exactly right. He said the County is still waiting on the release of federal funds for the federal appropriation for the fuel farm to be constructed. He said the FY 2007 CIP is all contingent upon federal funding and the plan can be changed from year to year.

Mr. Cullum called for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Cullum Mr. Davis

Mr. Owens	Mr. Kinard
Mr. Derrick	Ms. Summers
Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Opposed: Mr. Keisler

Committee of the Whole, T. Cullum, Chairman - Library Board Proposed Recommendations Dated October 11, 2005 - Revised Estimates Dated December 29, 2005 - Mr. Cullum reported during the afternoon, the committee met to discuss the proposed library recommendations of October 11, 2005.

Mr. Dan MacNeill, Director of Library Services distributed to Council a new proposal with alternate proposals.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to accept the Library Board's October 11, 2005 Proposed Library Building Projects and locations along with the revised operating budget which would hold the smaller branches (South Congaree, Gaston, Swansea, and Gilbert-Summit) at 33 hours a week as opposed to 40 hours a week.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked where will the Swansea Library be built?

Mr. Kinard replied, the Library Board has recommended that the Swansea Library be built next door to the Senior Center.

Mr. Derrick stated as a procedural matter that Council had tabled the item during the December 13th meeting and it was taken off during the Committee of the Whole and asked if that was correct?

Mr. Jeff Anderson, County attorney, recommended that it be taken off the table prior to any motions.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens that the motion be brought off the table.

Mr. Cullum stated he understood that it was put back in the Committee and when it was in the Committee it was tabled and then ...

Mr. Derrick stated it was in Council when it was tabled.

Vote to take off the Table

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

Mr. Carrigg stated he was unsure what the original motion was that Council took off the table.

Mr. Cullum said he was under the impression that it was sent back to Committee

Mr. Carrigg, Parliamentarian, interjected that there was a motion on the floor to come off the table, but does not know what the motion was and said Council needs to know what the motion was or Council is going to have to make a motion to amend it and state a new motion.

Mr. Carrigg stated the procedure would be to make a motion to amend the original motion and then state it.

Ms. Burnett, Clerk, stated that the original proposal of October 11, 2005 was tabled (in Committee of the Whole) until Mr. MacNeill, Director of Library Services, came back with additional information.

Mr. Cullum stated for clarification that the original proposal of October 11, 2005 was tabled then at that point in time it went back to the Committee, which it was tabled there, and it was taken off the table during the earlier Committee meeting and is coming out of the Committee to full Council.

Mr. Cullum stated the motion before Council is the proposal of October 11, 2005 with amendments and that the new motion would be as amending the October 11, 2005 proposal.

Mr. Kinard made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to amend the October 11, 2005 Proposed Library Building Projects proposal to include the operating budget Alternate 1A that was submitted by the Library Board.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Vote on the Amendment

In Favor	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

Mr. Cullum stated the motion is to appropriate \$2,080,000 to build the new libraries. The proposals have been put in place and the locations are to be determined by the Library Board that are named and numbered (5).

Mr. Cullum asked for any comments or questions.

Mr. Cullum stated he has said that he does not think it is the best use of taxpayers' money to be constructing buildings this close together for services. However, you don't want to "throw the baby out with the bath water" and there are other needs that are going to be met within the entire system,

and contrary to some of the belief of the body that I wouldn't support it, I do support it, but again, I just want to state publicly, I don't think it is the best use of the money building these buildings this close. However, I don't want to vote against it because I want to see the entire system progress and excel, and I don't want people to feel like the Chairman has voted against something in Chapin, Gilbert-Summit, Swansea or for anything of that matter, because it is a system wide improvement.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated he agreed that it should be one, but it's not one.

Vote on the Motion as Amended

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

Budget Amendment Resolution - A budget amendment resolution in the amount of \$309,572 was distributed and signed to appropriate funds received for development of Project Lincoln. The rural development funds were received from Mid-Carolina Electric Co-op (\$300,000) and Central Electric Power Co-op (\$9,571.43).

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Owens and seconded by Mr. Kinard that Council go into executive session to discuss one contractual matter, one personnel issue, and six legal matters.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	

Mr. Cullum reconvened the meeting in open session.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Cullum reported Council received the legal briefing and discussed contractual and personnel matters and reported no motions were to be considered.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman